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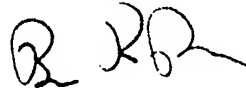
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## control

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ball control

Main Entry: <sup>1</sup>**con·trol**

Pronunciation: \kən-'trōl\

Function: *verb*Inflected Form(s): **con·trolled; con·trol·ling**

Etymology: Middle English *countrollen*, from Anglo-French *contrerouler*, from *contreroule* copy of an account, audit, from Medieval Latin *contrarotulus*, from Latin *contra-* + Medieval Latin *rotulus* roll — more at **ROLL**

Date: 15th century

*transitive verb*

**1 a** *archaic* : to check, test, or verify by evidence or experiments **b** : to incorporate suitable **controls** in <a *controlled* experiment>

**2 a** : to exercise restraining or directing influence over : **REGULATE** **b** : to have power over : **RULE** **c** : to reduce the incidence or severity of especially to innocuous levels <*control* an insect population> <*control* a disease>

*intransitive verb*

: to incorporate **controls** in an experiment or study —used with *for* <*control* for socioeconomic differences>

**synonyms** see **CONDUCT**— **con·trol·la·bil·i·ty** \-,trō-lə-'bi-lə-tē\ *noun*— **con·trol·la·ble** \-'trō-lə-bəl\ *adjective*— **con·trol·ment** \-'trōl-mənt\ *noun*

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<sup>1</sup>circuit (noun)

<sup>2</sup>circuit (verb)

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Main Entry: **<sup>1</sup>circuit**

Pronunciation: \ˈsər-kət\

Function: *noun*

Usage: *often attributive*

Etymology: Middle English, from Middle French & Latin; Middle French *circuite*, from Latin *circuitus*, from *circumire*, *circuire* to go around, from *circum-* + *ire* to go — more at **ISSUE**

Date: 14th century

**1 a** : a usually circular line encompassing an area **b** : the space enclosed within such a line


**2 a** : a course around a periphery **b** : a circuitous or indirect route

**3 a** : a regular tour (as by a traveling judge or preacher) around an assigned district or territory **b** : the route traveled **c** : a group of church congregations ministered to by one pastor

**4 a** : the complete path of an electric current including usually the source of electric energy **b** : an assemblage of electronic elements : **HOOKUP** **c** : a two-way communication path between points (as in a computer) **d** : a neuronal pathway of the brain along which electrical and chemical signals travel

**5 a** : an association of similar groups : **LEAGUE** **b** : a number or series of public outlets (as theaters, radio shows, or arenas) offering the same kind of presentation



**c** : a number of similar social gatherings ~the cocktail *circuit*>  
**— circuit-al**  *\-kə-(-tē)\ adjective*

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